Review on coal royalty

† *363. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) since when the coal mineral royalty has not been reviewed;

(b) the losses suffered by State Governments on that account, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have made any arrangement for compensation of the same;

(d) whether a proposal to review the coal mineral royalty rate if being considered by Government;

(e) whether the said recommendations will be implemented by Government during the year 2001; and

(f) if so, when the new royalty rate of coal is planned to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) The royalty rates on coal were last revised on 11.10.1994,

(b) Royalty due is being paid to the concerned States. Hence, there is no loss caused to any State Government.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer given to part (b) above.

(d) to (f) No. Sir, There is no proposal, at present, to review the royalty on coal. However, a Committee has been constituted in the Ministry under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Coal) to examine, *inter-alia*, the issue of adoption of *ad-valorem* basis for determining royalty on coal.

Rehabilitation of Surrendered Militants in North-East Region

*364. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan has been formulated by Government to

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